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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed May 12, 2008, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-14 and 17-22, drawn to compounds of formula (I) in which variables Z, R², and R^a, together with the carbon atoms to which Z and R^a are attached, do not form a ring, as well as processes of preparing these compounds, pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds, and methods of treating using these compounds. Applicants further elect compound 40 listed on page 43 of the specification as the single species. Compound 40 is a compound of formula (I), in which R¹ is 3,4-dichloro-2-methylphenyl, R² is phenyl, X is oxygen, Z is CH₂, and each of R^a, R^b, and R^c is H. Claims 1-11, 13, 14, and 17-22 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

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